

Abstract of the Disclosure

A locating and tracking system is provided in which the assets desired to be located and tracked are associated with either radio frequency (RF) tags or
5 radio frequency identification and radio frequency data communication (RFID/RFDC) devices. Depending on which device is attached to the asset, the other device is located at known locations. The RFID/RFDC devices interrogate and receive signals from the RF tags. The
10 received information is sent to a host computer. With the location of either the RF tags or RFID/RFDC devices known, the assets may be located and tracked. An improved RF tag antenna design is also provided by using a switching mechanism connected to at least two
15 antennas.